

MONUMENT UNVEILED

Nearly Two Thousand
People Witnessed
Ceremonies.

Addresses by Governor Mead
Ex-Governor McBride and
Mayor Wright of Tacoma.

Nearly two thousand people stood in the rain yesterday and listened to the eulogies upon the life of Governor John R. Rogers. In whose memory the school children of the state have erected a monument in Capitol park. The rain continued to fall until almost at the exact moment when John R. Rogers, the little grandson of the late governor, pulled the cord that held in place the covering of the monument. As the canvas fell to the ground the bright sunlight streamed on the reverent gathering and granite statue. It was the only bright moment in the day.

Senator Stewart Presides.
Senator Carey L. Stewart presided at the unveiling ceremonies. The addresses were delivered from the front steps of the capitol. After a prayer by Rev. Dr. R. M. Hayes of Olympia, Senator William Hickman Moore of King county was presented. Senator Moore's address was devoted largely to a history of the movement which culminated in the unveiling of the monument yesterday. The idea of erecting a monument from contributions from the school children of the state was conceived by the teachers of the schools of Puyallup, Governor Rogers' old home. Principal J. M. Lahue of the Puyallup schools presented the matter to the teachers' institute of Pierce county, which approved the plan and appointed a committee to take full control of the collections and building of the monument composed of Senator C. L. Stewart and J. M. Lahue of Puyallup, Alden J. Elthen of Seattle, C. J. Lord of Olympia, N. W. Durham of Spokane, E. A. Bryan of Pullman, J. E. Bell of Everett, C. M. Easterday of Tacoma and Sena or John L. Wilson of Seattle.

Mayor Wright's Address.
Mayor George L. Wright of Tacoma was introduced as an intimate acquaintance and friend of Governor Rogers. Mr. Wright spoke at length of the character, qualities of mind, habits, attainments and peculiarities of Governor Rogers. His statements were moderate in tone yet were laudatory of the character and mind of the late chief executive.

Confidence Not Displaced.
Ex-Governor McBride followed Mayor Wright. He referred to the alarm felt by many people at the time of Governor Rogers' first election because of the extreme views with which he was credited. These views, said Governor McBride, "If he held them, were tempered by the responsibilities of office and he proved to be a wise, safe and able executive, fully demonstrating that the confidence reposed in him had not been misplaced."

Governor Mead's Address.
Governor Mead's was the closing address. He said:

GOVERNOR MEAD'S SPEECH.
"Almost three years have elapsed since a long vigil ended and the spirit of John R. Rogers took its flight to join the company of governor and governed, prince and subject, chief and tribe, ruler and vassal of that great multitude who had during the centuries before him divided the earth's population into republics, empires and kingdoms and then, like him, had marched with martial tread in that innumerable caravan to the kingdom around the great white throne that is awaiting all those that walk in the paths of justice, righteousness and brotherly love.
"Governor John R. Rogers was signally honored by being twice called by the people to fill the most exalted position within their gift. His letters patent of nobility, though not reduced to formal parchment, came from the people he loved and who loved him. His heart beat in unison with the interests and welfare of the plain common people. I am voicing the sentiment of this commonwealth in saying that, as chief executive for five

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years, he was patient, gentle, approachable, kind hearted, considerate, patriotic and just. Those who were fortunate in enjoying personal intimate acquaintance with Governor Rogers can speak more advisably than of those qualities which preeminently endeared him to a constantly increasing circle of friends and followers. Yet my humble knowledge of the man, gained from occasional addresses heard and read, justifies me in the belief that he could always find solace and comfort in turning temporarily away from the exacting duties of public life, and summoning before him from the printed pages of the history of mankind, patriarch and statesman, scientist and philosopher, historian and essayist, who have with their genius enriched our literature, or who have divined Nature's secrets locked in the hidden recesses of earth and planet, or who have assisted in the creation of the highest form of human government yet devised to satisfy the spirit of justice and equality to all men.

"In these days of a healthy public sentiment which makes for independent thinking and independent voting, our impetuous Americanism leads us perhaps to forget, in our condemnation of that which is evil, the good there is in partisanship. Some of us seem to lose sight of the fact that partisan and patriot are reconcilable, and yet in the life of such a man as John R. Rogers we have an example of the two commingled. Governor Rogers was a patriot because he was a partisan, a partisan because he was a patriot. He believed in what he advocated in government. You and I may not have been in unison with him on many of the policies that he advocated, yet he believed that he was right. Because he so believed, he was the truest type of a partisan, just as Abraham Lincoln was a partisan. The partisanship that springs from and is a part of true patriotism has never been a factor in the development and advancement of the political life of this republic.

"Elevated to the position of chief magistrate of this commonwealth, he brought to his exalted station a vigorous mind and that sterling honesty of purpose which had given him a prominent place among his political associates. He was a good governor, a strong, courageous executive; an official whose power was ever directed against wrong doing—against those who would betray the public trust.

"Into the political history, as well as into the educational history, of the state does the personality and character of the late John R. Rogers enter. When in 1898, our national honor was assailed and this country became involved in a righteous war with the kingdom of Spain, the republic was fortunate in having in the presidential chair, directing our force and protecting the national interests, that brave, patient and patriotic man William McKinley. In this state, we too were fortunate in having in the chair of the chief executive, in the person of John R. Rogers, a patriotic and broad-minded governor one who promptly and effectively acted in harmony with the federal government to the end that the state of Washington sent forth to the nation's defense a splendid body of citizen soldiery which wrote its name on the history of the Spanish-American war an enduring credit and honor to the state.

"Our beloved state need not fear comparison when we measure with other states the machinery we have constructed and equipped in order that education may be free for the saking. In the consummation of this mighty agency to give battle to the forces of illiteracy and storm the walls of ignorance, deceit, sophistry and prejudice, he, whose monument is now unveiled, as a citizen, author, lawmaker and executive, may now be reckoned as a humble member of that goodly company who were in the days of the reformation the earnest disciples of a Martin Luther, or who early in the last century held up the hands of Pestalozzi when he labored assiduously to educate the ragged children of the poor. I esteem it an especial honor, as his successor in office, to render homage to his memory as one who contributed his part in laying deep and broad the foundations of the public educational facilities of this young commonwealth. This state, whose progress he advanced, whose welfare he cherished whose good name he helped to preserve, receives this monument from those who have affectionately contributed to its creation, and pledges its faith that it will sacredly preserve this granite block, fashioned and shaped by the sculptor, so that the children and the children's children of those who drank deep from the Plerian spring of popular education under the guidance of this state may look with reverence and respect upon this mute and silent figure."

As the governor concluded, the clouds parted, the sun broke out and the canvas fell to the earth. Dr. Hays pronounced the benediction and the people returned to their daily work.